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SUBJECT: Investigation of: RAYMOND BODEFELD  
JACOB NELSBACH  
ALFRED KLIMENT  
OSS Agents lost in Action by Ninth  
Army Field Detachment

TO : Theatre Counsel, European T, O of Strategic Sv, APO 887.

1. The three above named men were dropped or infiltrated through the German lines by the Ninth Army Field Detachment and have not been heard of since. The circumstances under which they were lost are given in the Ninth Army Field Detachment's reports. If supplementary details are needed to establish presumption of death, the Officers of the Detachment will have to be contacted.

In the cases of Jacob Nelsbach and Raymond Bodefelf, our former agent Hans Fouraschen may be interrogated. This man accompanied both Nelsbach and Bodefelf on their mission. He can be contacted through the Military Government in Aachen for which he was working during the American occupation of the town both before and after his missions for OSS.

2. The present report has two objects:

- a) establish that the agents have not been heard of at their respective homes since they left on their missions and
- b) establish the correct identity and address of their nearest relative.

3. RAYMOND BODEFELD. His nearest relatives are:  
His wife, Elisabeth Bodefelf, born on 18 November 1910 in Bad Godesberg and his son, Willy Bodefelf, born on 5 October 1935 in Eudenberg. Both are living at the same address: Eudenberg near Oberpleis, Kreis Sieglar. (Village is about 10 miles South of SIEGBURG).

The local police in Oberpleis informed me that Elisabeth Bodefelf was married to Raymond Bodefelf, born in 1914, who was in the German Army and had not returned home. This checked with my personal information about this agent. Mrs. Bodefelf showed me a photograph of her husband which established his identity as our agent. She confirmed the fact that her husband had not been heard from since before he was made prisoner by the Americans.

Eudenberg is a small hamlet. The address given above is sufficient for postal purposes, and anyone in the hamlet can show Mrs. Bodefelf's house which is on the main road across the street from the church.

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4. JACOB NELSBACH. Agent was not married. His nearest relatives are his parents. Agent's father is NIKOLAUS NELSBACH, born on 25 Jan 1891 in Stolberg. (near Aschen)

His address is Schnorrenfeld 1b, Stolberg.

Agent's mother lives with her husband at the same address.

The local police furnished the above information.

Agent owns a house at No. 6 Schnorrenfeld. He has not been heard of at this house or at his parents' house since he left for his mission.

5. ALFRED KLEMENT. Agent was not married. In his contract he designated as beneficiaries his maternal grandparents. The grandfather's name and address are: LAMBERTUS VAN ES, 26 HEDEL STRAAT, ALKMAAR, HOLLAND.

Klement was brought up by his grandparents. His parents are still living. They are divorced. The father's whereabouts are unknown. He abandoned his wife and child soon after the latter's birth. He never saw his son and never contributed to his support. It does not seem, therefore, that he should be entitled to any compensation for his death. The father was a German subject, the mother was dutch.

The agent's mother is remarried to ANTON BAARS. Her present name and address are: Mrs. Dina Baars, Zegles 46, Alkmaar, Holland.

Agent sometimes went under the name of ALFRED BAARS. He was very much attached to his grandparents and desired them to be the beneficiaries of any death compensation to which his relatives might be entitled.

Facts pertaining to Klement's family relations can be confirmed by Lt. Wim Lek of the Bureau Inlichtingen, Netherlands Army.

The following fact may help to establish presumption of death in the case of Alfred Klement:

In Lt. Forsythe's telegram of 1 Aug 1945 addressed to Capt. Good and Macpherson, Amzon, it is stated that Klement "came on air 22nd (March 1945) and not heard from since." As I remember the case, a signal was heard by the Ninth Army OSS Signal Det., using Klement's prearranged Signal plan, but no message was received and the Signals Officer stated at the time that it was probably not Klement who made the contact. It is therefore entirely possible that the agent's set and plans were seized by the Germans immediately after he landed and that they tried to use them themselves. This fact may be checked by Mt. Vance Vogel who was at the time Signals Officer of the Field Detachment.

The agent has not been heard of at his home since he left on his mission. I visited his grandparents on 13 Aug 1945 and identified their grandson as our agent through a photograph which they showed me.

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